

## STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

Olympia, Washington 98504-5000

June 2, 2008

## Dear Tribal Leader:

I want to take this opportunity to invite you or your representative to an organizational meeting of the Department of Social & Health Services (DSHS) Indian Policy & Advisory Committee's (IPAC) Economic Services Administration (ESA) Subcommittee. We have reserved a conference room at the Little Creek Resort & Casino for Friday, June 20, 2008 and propose a meeting time of 9:00 a.m. - noon.

At the meeting we will discuss how often we will meet and identify meeting dates for the remainder of the year, so it would be good for attendees to bring their calendars.

We have several proposed agenda items for the June 20 meeting:

Selection of New ESA Subcommittee Chair
Tribal TANF WAC Development
Citizenship Verification for Medicaid
Treatment of Tribal Income
Waiving ADATSA Interviews for Referrals from Tribal Residential Treatment
Providers
Strategic Plan for the Division of Child Support

If there are other topics or areas of interest that you would like discussed at this meeting, please let Sarah Colleen Sotomish know. She can be reached at (360) 725-4661 or by e-mail at <a href="mailto:sotomsc@dshs.wa.gov">sotomsc@dshs.wa.gov</a>.

Even though we have a significant number of Tribes running their own Tribal TANF programs, there are some tribal members who are not eligible for these programs and continue to access the state's WorkFirst services. We will continue in our efforts to recognize the Tribe's sovereignty in the delivery of our services and want to work in partnership with you to make sure we are providing equitable access to our services.

I look forward to seeing you or your representative at the meeting later this month. If you'd like more information about this meeting, or have any additional agenda items, please contact Sarah.

Sincerely,

Troy Hutson, Assistant Secretary

DSHS, Economic Services Administration

cc: Colleen Cawston

Sarah Colleen Sotomish

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## IPAC ESA SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

## SAVETHEDATE

The first planning meeting for the IPAC ESA Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for June 20, in preparation for the IPAC meeting on July 10, 2008.

WHEN: Friday, June 20, 2008

**TIME:** 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (noon)

WHERE: Squaxin Island Resort & Casino

Proposed Agenda Items, to date:

Appointment of New Subcommittee Chair
Tribal TANF WAC Development
Citizenship Verification for Medicaid
Treatment of Tribal Income
Waiving ADATSA Interviews for Referrals from Tribal
Residential Treatment Providers
Strategic Plan for the Division of Child Support

If you have questions or want to propose agenda items, please contact Sarah Colleen Sotomish, Administrator, ESA State Tribal Relations Unit at (360) 725-4661 or <a href="mailto:sotomsc@dshs.wa.gov">sotomsc@dshs.wa.gov</a>.

